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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sam Strasser for 60 years of outstanding service to the Northeast Career Planning Board of Directors

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in developing the skills necessary to be successful, productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sam Strasser for 60 years of outstanding service to the Northeast Career Planning Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Sam Strasser, of Delmar, New York, proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, and joined Northeast Career Planning when the company was just beginning; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as The Workshop, Inc., Northeast Career Planning was founded in 1954, with a mission of helping people with disabilities whether it be mental or physical, or those recovering from addiction or substance abuse to find jobs and gain self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, For the past six decades, Sam Strasser has been a vital part of the organization's mission to provide medical exams, vocational counseling, and training and personal adjustment by working with other area groups to prepare future employees for outside work; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Sam Strasser was recognized by Northeast Career Planning at its annual dinner in 2010 with a building named in his honor; this year, he was recognized for his 60 years of service with a fishing pole, cap and gown, and an honorary degree; he also received a plaque inscribed with his favorite saying,

"You don't give a person a fish. You teach him to fish, and that lasts a lifetime"; and

WHEREAS, Sam Strasser has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; in addition to his work with Northeast Career Planning, he has served on the boards of directors for several organizations including the Chapel House of the University of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Today, 85-year-old Sam Strasser continues to serve on the Northeast Career Planning Board and as Corporate President of a factory with no plans of stepping down; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sam Strasser has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sam Strasser has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sam Strasser for 60 years of outstanding service to the Northeast Career Planning Board of Directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sam Strasser.